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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John E. Ray of Woodstock, who passed away on December 4, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, John Ray was born on August 18, 1942 in Aiken, South Carolina; his parents were Lawton and Maude (nee Herrin) Ray; he married Judy Nastav on October 8, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, John Ray served his country as a member of the United States Army; he designed pumps that were used by NASA on the International Space Station and received 2 mission patches from his work in the space program; and

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WHEREAS, John Ray enjoyed restoring old cars and was a member of the Pontiac Club; he also played Minor League Baseball in his youth and was a founding member of the Tri City Little League; and

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WHEREAS, John Ray was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Martha Ann Feldbusch; and

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WHEREAS, John Ray is survived by his wife, Judy; a son, Brian (Krista) Ray; 2 daughters, Tina (David) Coalson and Debbie (Keith) Kirchhardt; 4 grandchildren, Kollin and Jordan

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1 Kirchhardt, Marshall Coalson, and Carter Ray Coalson; a
2 brother, Carroll (Janet) Ray; an aunt, Gertrude Cooper; 2
3 nephews, Matt (Melissa) Lazinski and Mike (Amanda) Lazinski;
4 and 6 nephews and 3 nieces; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of John E. Ray; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of John Ray as an expression of our
11 sympathy.